



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Robert F. Gazdzinski)
 App. No. : 10/059,580)
 Filed : January 28, 2002)
 For : **OPTICAL
 COMMUNICATION
 APPARATUS AND
 METHODS USING PULSES
 HAVING MODIFIED
 PROPAGATION SPEEDS**)
 Examiner : Curs, Nathan M.)
 Group : 2633)



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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action (Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment) dated January 23, 2006 for the above-identified application ("Office Action"), Applicant provides the following: